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1. WITH RESPECT TO MALTA'S DESIGNATION AS A BENEFICIARY
DEVELOPING COUNTRY FOR PURPOSES OF GSP, POSITIVE DETER-
MINATION WAS MADE BASED ON JUDGMENT THAT MALTA'S EXISTING
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PREFERENCES DO NOT ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION

HAVE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. COMMERCE. PROVISIONS OF TRADE ACT, HOWEVER, OBLIGE U.S. TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW ELIGIBILITY OF COUNTRIES GIVING REVERSE PREFERENCES SINCE DEEPENING OF EXISTING PREFERENCES OR SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION OF TRADE PATTERNS COULD AFFECT FUTURE ELIGIBILITY.

2. WASHINGTON AGENCIES THEREFORE ARE REVIEWING EC-MALTA AND COMMONWEALTH-MALTA AGREEMENTS AND MALTA TRADE PATTERNS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO TRADE ITEMS FOR WHICH THERE IS A MARGIN OF PREFERENCE OF 5 PERCENTAGE POINTS OR MORE FOR EC AND COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND FOR WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS A SUBSTANTIAL TRADE INTEREST. IF OUR EXAMINATION

REVEALS AREAS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE DIFFICULTY WITH RESPECT TO MALTA'S GSP ELIGIBILITY WE WILL THEN WISH TO PURSUE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM. EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL (A).
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